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Money allotted for irrigation purposes in the Presidency.

* 59 *Q.*—Sri O. P. Ramaswami Reddiyar : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount of money newly allotted for irrigation purposes;

(*b*) how much has been allotted for Tamil Nad, Andhra and Kerala;

(*c*) how many schemes are going to be taken in the non-delta areas;

(*d*) and if so, the names of schemes, districtwar;

(*e*) whether the Government have any intention to restart the T.R.S. division to restore the irrigation tanks in proper condition;

(*f*) how many irrigation tanks, major and minor, are in the Province, districtwar; and

(*g*) how many belong to each of the five classifications with their total ayacuts?

The Hon. Sri M. Bhakthavatsalam :—" (*a*) to (*d*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to pages 11, 13, 15, 16–19, 21–23, 26–32 of the Irrigation Budget Estimates for 1946–47 under Grant VIII and XXXIII.

" (*e*) The question of reviving Tank Restoration Scheme operations in the Ramnad district is under consideration and an interim report from the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) has just been received. This is under consideration.

" (*f*) & (*g*) It is not clear what is meant by 'five classifications' of irrigation tanks, referred to in clause (*g*). Their annual repairs and maintenance are not in the nature of 'schemes'. Copies [a] of statements submitted by the Chief Engineer (Irrigation) and the Board of Revenue are appended. Districtwar particulars regarding ayacuts of minor irrigation tanks in charge of Revenue department and of expenditure in respect of Public Works Department tanks are not immediately available and will have to be obtained from the Collectors and Executive Engineers, respectively, if necessary."

Sri O. P. Ramaswami Reddiyar :—" May I know, Sir, whether the Government would consider the question of starting a permanent fund called the Tank Restoration Fund to improve and increase the capacity of the tanks in the non-deltaic areas whose capacity is not sufficient to raise a single crop."

The Hon. Sri M. Bhakthavatsalam :—" The Government will consider the question."

Production of nativity certificate for admission into Engineering and other colleges.

* 60 *Q.*—Sri R. Suryanarayana Rao : Will the Hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether candidates seeking admission into the Engineering and other colleges are required to produce certificates of nativity;

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 411 infra.

(b) what is the object in demanding these nativity certificates;

(c) whether the form of the certificate has undergone any changes since its introduction and, if so, what those changes are;

(d) whether it is a fact that there are complaints that the nativity certificate as it is now framed enables outsiders to claim nativity of districts with which they have no connexion especially in backward districts in order to secure admission into the colleges;

(e) whether it is a fact that often real natives of the district fail to secure admission into colleges even though their attainments entitle them while outsiders with less attainments manage to secure admission; and

(f) whether the Government propose to re-examine the whole question and redraft the form of nativity certificate to ensure the purpose for which it was instituted?

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR:—

"(a) Yes.

"(b) The object is to decide whether the candidate belongs to the Province or not, for the purposes of admission and the levy of fees. The certificate is also required for the purposes of linguistic representation.

"(c) The form of the certificate was changed in 1946. Copies [a] of the original and the revised forms of the certificate and a copy of G.O. No. 2786, P.H., dated 26th October 1945, are laid on the table of the House.

"(d) Yes.

"(e) No such cases have been brought to the notice of Government.

"(f) The Government will consider any suggestions made in this direction."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—"Is the Hon. Minister aware—of course I have not got particular instances to be brought to his notice—that there are many outsiders who do not belong to the Ceded Districts who have got into the Engineering and Medical Colleges without producing nativity certificates?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR:—

"More than general allegations no particular cases have been brought to my notice."

SRI N. RANGA REDDI:—"May I request the Hon. Minister to say that in deciding questions of nativity, whether it is not enough to say that it is Andhra, Tamilnad or West Coast, instead of mentioning the districts?"

THE HON. SRI T. S. AVINASHILINGAM CHETTIAR:—

"I know there are certain areas where difficulties are experienced in finding out whether they belong to Andhra or Tamilnad or West Coast."

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[a] Printed as Appendix III on pages 412–413 infra.